



State of California - The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
**2011 GRIZZLY ISLAND TULE ELK  
APPRENTICE HUNT**  
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**Area:** The hunt area is the land owned and managed by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) as the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area. Visit the above website address for specific zone regulations (hunt zone map, description, and harvest success information can also be viewed at this address).

Tule elk are **heavy bodied animals** requiring traditional large caliber rifles and accurate bullet placement for quick, clean kills. Sight-in firearms **prior** to the hunt. There is **no** shooting range to test fire your rifle. There are experienced DFG personnel available to discuss appropriate equipment and cartridge selection for this hunt.

All elk tag recipients must attend a mandatory hunter orientation meeting. Orientation meetings will be held at the "elk pen" camping area. Look for the "Elk Orientation" sign at Parking Lot #2 across the road from the DFG corporation yard. The orientation meeting will occur at 5:00 p.m. on the day before your hunt period begins. Please **bring your firearm with the ammunition** you plan to use to the orientation for inspection.

Apprentice tag holders are required to have one non-hunter chaperone accompany them into the hunt area as well as attend the hunter orientation. The non-hunting companion may not carry or handle any firearms.

Tag recipients will be allowed to scout the hunt area through the Sunday (July 31, 2011) prior to the fund raising tag hunt (August 6<sup>st</sup>, 2011). After July 31 the wildlife area will be closed to general public access, and pre-hunt scouting will be allowed for tag holders by arrangement only. Have your tag in possession while scouting. To arrange for scouting after the wildlife area closure (July 31, 2011), call (707) 425-3828.

Tag holders and their one non-hunting companion will be allowed to drive their vehicles on designated roads to the various parking areas and campsite/animal processing area. Designated roads are: Grizzly Island Road, Red House Road, and Pole Line Road. No motorized vehicles are allowed off designated roads in the hunt area.

Tag holders will be allowed to camp (no hook-ups) with self-contained travel trailer, motor home, camper, camp trailer, or tent at the "elk pen" camping area. This is also the designated animal processing area. Campfires and/or charcoal barbecues are not allowed (portable gas stoves only).

An animal processing area will be established at the elk holding pen site for successful hunters to hang, skin, and/or butcher their elk for transportation off the wildlife area. Any biological samples to be collected from the animals will be done at this site. A scale will be provided to record carcass weight. If possible, please bring in the entire carcass of the elk (ungutted). DFG

personnel will transport downed animals to the elk pen area for this hunt. It is the hunters responsibility to make sure all useable meat is taken from the animal. This includes back straps, tenderloins, hams, neck meat, rib skirt, and any other portion usually eaten by humans.

The Department is collecting teeth from animals taken by hunters for age analysis. Successful hunters should follow directions on the tooth envelope (included with this flyer) to remove the two front teeth (and only the two front teeth, please do not send in sections of the jaw) and submit them to the Department. Please do not wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post the age analysis results at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk> for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your hunting license number (from the 2011-2012 license year). Please note that these results may not be available until **December** of the **following** year.

Elk tags must be validated by a person designated in Section 708, California Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers. **Please remember that all hunters MUST return tag report cards to the Department within one week after the close of the elk season REGARDLESS of whether an elk was taken.**

The use of dogs is **prohibited** for this hunt.

Tag holders and their non-hunting companion **must** wear DFG issued “blaze orange” vests while in the hunt area.

A wounded animal leaving the hunt area to private property may not be pursued by the tag holder once it leaves DFG land. A DFG employee **may** be able to assist you in contacting the property owner to obtain permission for access.

The tag holders shall surrender his/her tag to an employee of DFG for any or all of the following reasons:

- (a) Any act which violates any of the provisions of the DFG Code or any regulations of the Commission,
  - (b) Any act which endangers the person or property of others.
- The decision of DFG shall be final.

Please note that some of the elk within the hunt area have been fitted with radio collars. The data we are gathering is critical to the management of this herd. In the event that you harvest a collared animal, please contact Mr. Joe Hobbs (916) 445-9992 or Grizzly Island Wildlife Area staff (707) 425-3828 immediately so the Department can make arrangements to obtain the collar. In order to prevent the loss of data it is important that we are contacted as soon as possible.

Our goal is to assure that you have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. If you need information as you plan for your hunt please contact Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (707) 425-3828 or Mr. Joe Hobbs, Elk Program Coordinator, at (916) 445-9992. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you have a successful hunt. Good luck!